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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, MAY 15

1. NYT (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "GROMYKO CHIDES KISSINGER ON LARGE DEFENSE BUDGET" BY CHRISTOPHER WREN, DATELINED MOSCOW. ARTICLE REPORTS ON GROMYKO SPEECH, POINTING OUT THAT IN AN APPARENT DEPARTURE FROM THE PREPARED TEXT, FOREIGN MINISTER REBUKED KISSINGER FOR HAVING DEFENDED AN INCREASED MILITARY BUDGET WHILE, AT SAME TIME, ADVOCATING RELAXATION OF TENSION WITH USSR. HE ALSO CRITICIZED STEP-BY-STEP DIPLOMACY IN MIDDLE EAST AND APPEARED TO HARDEN SOVIET LINE TOWARD ISRAEL. HE INDICATED USSR WILLING TO DO ITS PART TO ADVANCE DETENTE AND EMPHASIZED SIGNIFICANCE OF BREZHNEV'S VISIT TO U.S. (BRIEFER STORIES IN SUN AND WP WITH SIMILAR HEADLINES.) (SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP AT DEPT'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING.)

2. WP (PAGE 3) ARTICLE HEADLINED "ASTRONAUTS TELL OF HUGE SOVIET SPACEPORT" REPORTS STAFFORD'S BRIEFING AT HOUSTON ON ASTRONAUTS' VISIT TO SOVIET SPACE CENTER, INDICATING IT IS FOUR TIMES AS LARGE AS THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER AND HAS GIVEN RISE TO A NEW GROWING CITY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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LENINSK IN THE DESERT.

3. WP (PAGE 19) VICTOR ZORZA'S COLUMN "HANOI'S PAEANS OF VICTORY" STATES HANOI CONTINUES TO FOLLOW NATIONALIST

LINE REFLECTING FEAR OF MOSCOW-PEKING COMPETITION FOR  
INFLUENCE THERE WHICH MIGHT INFRINGE ON ITS OWN  
INDEPENDENCE.

4. WP EDITORIAL HEADLINE "BROADCASTING TO CLOSED  
SOCIETIES" STATES RFE AND RADIO LIBERTY HAVE SUCCESSFULLY  
WEATHERED TRANSITION FROM CIA SPONSORSHIP TO OPEN  
OPERATION AND RESPONSIBLE PROGRAMMING.

5. SUN (PAGE 5) HEADLINE "HOMETOWN MUSEUM GLORIFIES  
STALIN, IGNORES FAILINGS" BY MICHAEL PARKS, DATELINED  
GORI, REPORT ON TOWN WHERE STALIN HELD IN HIGHEST ESTEEM.

6. CSM EDITORIAL HEADLINED "WELCOME, RUSSIANS" WELCOMES  
PEACEFUL NAVAL EXCHANGE.

7. CSM (PAGE 3) HEADLINE "US, SOVIET SHARE ART  
TREASURES" DATELINE LENINGRAD, BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH  
SUSLOV OF HERMITAGE AND JOHN HOWAT OF METROPOLITAN  
MUSEUM.

8. CSM (PAGE 6) PEKING APPEARS BENT ON HEADING OFF  
SOVIET GAINS IN INFLUENCE IN VIETNAM.

9. CSM (PAGE 15) HEADLINE "PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST  
REAFFIRMS 'REVOLUTION'", DATELINED MOSCOW, REPORTS ON  
CUNHAL INTERVIEW IN PRAVDA, STATING HIS VIEW THAT LAST  
MONTH'S ELECTIONS DID NOT REVERSE THE REVOLUTIONARY  
PROCESS IN PORTUGAL. KISSINGER

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